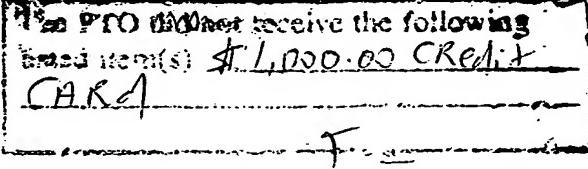


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 71465.00009</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCTJP03/08436	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 03 July 2003 (03.07.2003)	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) (see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107519980</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING CATALYST</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> Hirohisa TANAKA, Isao TAN, Mari UENISHI, Nobuhiko KAJITA, and Masashi TANIGUCHI		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C.)        a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.        b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))        a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).        b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.        c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.        d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p>		
<p><b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information</b></p> <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <b>See attached</b></p>		

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21. The following fees are submitted:				Applicant use	Office use only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$500.00				\$ 300.00	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$1000.00</b>	\$ 1,000.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Independent claims	- 3 =	0		x \$200.00	\$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>				+ \$360.00	\$
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	\$ 0.00
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per				\$	\$ 40.00
				<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>	<b>\$ 1,040.00</b>
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In addition to the items listed on the Transmittal Letter, the following documents are attached:

Notification of Receipt of Search Copy (Form PCT/ISA/202)

PCT Written Opinion (Form PCT/IPEA/408)

Notification of Receipt of Demand by Competent International Preliminary Examination Authority (Form PCT/IPEA/402)

Request for International Preliminary Examination (PCT/IPEA/401)

Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304)

Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301)

Notice Informing the Application of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices (Form PCT/IB/308)

Notification of the Recording of a Change (Form PCT/IB/306)

International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409)

Request for PCT application (6 pages)

Article 34 Amendment (not entered)

\*\* This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 National Stage entry of PCT/JP03/08436, filed July 3, 2003, which claims priority from JP Appln. No. 2002-200591, filed July 9, 2002, the contents of which are herein incorporated by reference to the extent allowed by law.